



SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS **Winter/Spring - 2004**

This ***Schedule of Proposed Actions*** (SOPA) is a quarterly publication describing proposed actions on the Malheur National Forest. If you wish to be involved in project planning for specific projects, the Forest encourages you to contact the project coordinator. The project coordinator's name is listed directly underneath the project name. The best time to do this is "early on" during the scoping period. Scoping is when the project leaders begin the process of identifying issues, concerns and opportunities. The project contact also has the most updated information on the project and can add you to the ***project specific mailing list*** if you wish. This is the best way to stay up-to-date on project specifics, including updates on comments, review and appeal periods, or any changes in decisions or implementation dates. Also check our web site at:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur>.

Official notices on projects or project decisions are published in the ***Blue Mountain Eagle***, the newspaper of record. Please review this newspaper for announcements if you have not been involved in planning for a specific project. ***If you are interested in a specific project, start by calling the contact person listed for that project!*** The mailing address for each office is listed below. We look forward to your participation.

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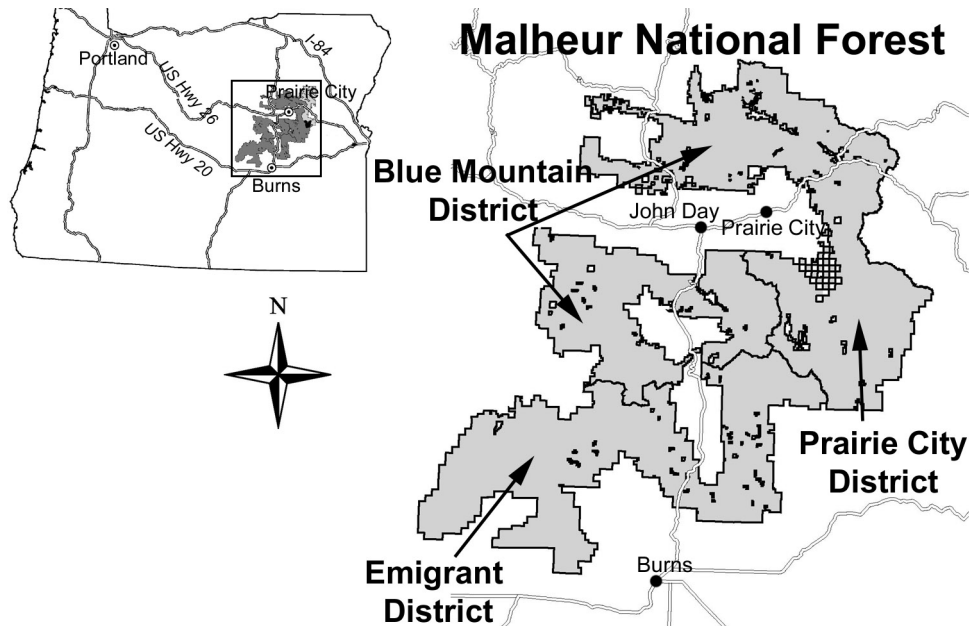
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Types of Environmental Documents

All of the proposed projects listed in this schedule will result in decisions based on an environmental analysis and environmental documentation. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires proposed Federal actions be disclosed to the public early on; this is your opportunity to get involved!

- **Categorical Exclusion (CE)** - A disclosure document for minor projects that have no significant effect on the environment. A Decision Memo (DM) documents Categorical Exclusion decisions.
- **Environmental Assessment (EA)** - A disclosure document that evaluates alternative actions and their short/long term environmental effects which include physical, biological, economic, social, and ecological factors. A Decision Notice (DN) documents Environmental Assessment decisions.
- **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** - A statement of the environmental effects of a proposed action and alternatives to it. Required for major Federal actions. A Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register is the official start of scoping for an EIS. A Draft EIS (DEIS) is an interim opportunity to review our analysis and opportunities prior to the Final EIS (FEIS). The Record of Decision (ROD) documents FEIS decisions.

District Locations:



Status

- **Scoping** – The procedure for identification of important issues and extent of necessary analysis. This is the initial phase of public involvement in an environmental analysis process.
- **Analysis** – The investigation of a proposed action, its alternatives and the environmental impacts in order to make an informed decision.
- **Decision** – A formal environmental decision document (Decision Memo (DM) for CE's, Decision Notice (DN) for EA's, or Record of Decision (ROD) for EIS's).